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Garcia does it Again! *Senator Pulls another Hat-Trick*

LANSING – Sen. Valde Garcia, R-Howell, during today’s legislative session successfully passed three bills, Senate Bills 364, 462 and 463, creating the third “hat-trick” of his legislative career.

“It may not be as exciting as one of Steve Yzerman’s, but it sure makes you feel like you are accomplishing your goals when your colleagues support your legislation,” Garcia said. “Maybe the Wings will consider me during their recruitment season now that I have such an impressive record!”

SB 364 will provide school officials with more flexibility by eliminating the mandate that school districts must provide at least 180 days of instruction. The district would be able to determine the number of days necessary to complete the school year, while providing at least 1,098 hours of class time. The bill also establishes an outlet for interested parties to attend at least two public hearings should the school wish to change their schedule to four-day week calendar.

Garcia’s second bill, SB 462, concerns motorcycle safety education. The legislation simply moves funding for the programming to the Secretary of State from the Department of Education.

The final bill of his “momentous play” is SB 463 which incorporates a fee change and eliminates service costs when purchasing identification cards.

Garcia successfully attempted this three-bill feat on two other occasions while he was serving as a Representative for the 86th district.

Senate Bills 462 and 463 will be reviewed by the House, while SB 364 awaits signing by the Governor.